If you are pregnant and unable to keep your baby, there is help.

The Idaho legislature passed a law called the "Idaho Safe Haven Act" to help you.



Keep your baby safe

ldaho**SafeHaven** 



# What is a SafeHaven?

Once your baby is born, you can take your baby to a **Safe**Haven. The following people or places are **Safe**Havens:

- Hospitals and clinics;
- Doctors and doctor's offices;
- Nurse practitioners;
- Physician's assistants; or
- Ambulance personnel.
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One of these health care professionals will

accept your baby from you, care for it, and start the process of finding the baby a home.

## Will I get in trouble with the law?

NO. If you take your baby to a SafeHaven, you will not get into trouble with the law as long as it is within 30 days of birth and there are no signs that anyone has burt the child.



# Do I have to tell anyone?

NO. All information about you and your baby is confidential. You do not have to give your name or any other personal information.

You may be asked

some questions about the baby's birth and health. It is your decision whether or not you answer those questions.

## What happens at a SafeHaven?

People at a **Safe**Haven will:

- Accept your baby;
- Make sure your baby receives necessary medical attention;

- Contact a law enforcement officer so your baby can be placed in protective care; and
- Contact the Department of Health and Welfare to make sure the baby is placed with an adoptive family as soon as possible.

# What if I change my mind?

It is important for your baby to have a family right away. If you change your mind and want your baby back, you don't have very long to let someone know.

If you change your mind, you must file a claim with the Bureau of Vital Statistics. Forms are available at 450 W. State Street in Boise and at any county clerk's office. But don't

wait too long.



#### Alternatives to SafeHaven

Worried about your unexpected pregnancy?

There are other choices you can make for you and your baby. Call the *Idaho CareLine* for referrals about:

- Counseling
- Financial Assistance
- Medical Care
- Adoption
- Family Planning



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